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OTHER ISSUES

VIENNA FOR USDEL MBFR

1. MPT WORK PROGRAM. PLENARY AGREED TO INTENSIFY WORK PACE BY MOVING INTO MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS OF THE WORKING GROUP, WITH MORNING DEVOTED TO DRAFTING OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION MANDATE AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS TO TAKE UP DISCUSSION OF BASKET III (HUMAN CONTACTS) AND LATER BASKET IV (CONFERENCE FOLLOW- ON). UK OPENED SESSION WITH PROPOSAL TO THIS GENERAL EFFECT. THUS MINI- GROUPS STILL WORKING ON SECURITY ISSUES WILL CONTINUE TO MEET CONCURRENTLY WITH BASKET II AND III DISCUSSIONS IN FULL WORKING GROUP. SOVIETS MADE FACE- SAVING RETREAT FROM ZORIN' S EARLIER INSISTENCE (HELSINKI 802) THAT WORKING GROUP FINISH BASKET II BEFORE TAKING UP SUCCEEDING BASKETS BY INSISTING THAT MORNINGS BE DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND AFTERNOONS TO HUMAN CONTACTS, ALTHOUGH UK HAD PROPOSED REVERSE.

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2. COMMENT: FACT THAT MOST NATO DELEGATIONS EXPLICITLY ENDORSED COMMENCEMENT OF WORK ON BASKET III, AND NONE OPPOSED, WAS DUE IN GOOD PART TO US PRODDING DURING CORRIDOR AND NATO CAUCUS CONVERSATIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, IN NATO CAUCUS MORNING OF MARCH 27, BELGIAN REP (HERPIN) SAID HE HAD FIRM INSTRUCTIONS TO OPPOSE THIS STEP. VEST LATER TOLD HIM PRIVATELY THAT US WOULD BE OBLIGED TO URGE MOVEMENT TO BASKET III EVEN IF HERPIN WAS UNABLE TO GET NEW INSTRUCTIONS. IN THE EVENT, BELGIAN DELEGATION REMAINED SILENT ON THIS TOPIC. END COMMENT.

3. HUMAN CONTACTS. IN EFFORT TO PREPARE GROUND FOR DISCUSSION BASKET III, BOTH DENMARK AND THE FRG MADE STATEMENTS IN PLENARY CALLING FOR CONSTRUCTIVE AND REALISTIC APPROACH TO BASKET III ISSUES TAKING INTO ACCOUNT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL PARTICIPANTS. (COMMENT: US TOOK LEAD EARLY THIS WEEK IN ORGANIZING DRAFTING SESSION WITH KEY ALLIES TO RECAST DANISH HUMAN CONTACTS MANDATE-- TEXT AND FURTHER DETAILS SEPTELS. WE EXPECT DANES WILL TABLE REVISED MANDATE IN FRIDAY AFTERNOON WORKING GROUP SESSION. END COMMENT)

4. MPT ROUND IV-- FINANCIAL/ TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP. MALTA TABLED INFORMAL PAPER ON ORGANIZATION OF WORK IN MPT ROUND IV, WHICH WILL BE DISCUSSED IN PLENARY NEXT WEEK. PLENARY ALSO APPROVED AMENDED POLISH PROPOSAL FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF WORKING GROUP ON FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS OF CSCE (NEW TEXT SEPTEL). DISCUSSION REFLECTED GENERAL UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS WORKING GROUP WILL BEGIN WORK SOON AFTER EASTER BREAK

5. CSCE ORGANIZATION AND PROCEDURES. POLAND AND HUNGARY TABLED JOINT PROPOSAL SUGGESTING REMOVAL OF PARAS 2-4 FROM YUGOSLAV PAPER ON PROCEDURAL ARRANGMENTS FOR CSCE (HELSINKI 762) ON GROUNDS THAT THESE PARAS CONCERN PARTICIPATION AND ORGANIZATION ISSUES WHICH ARE ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL AND REQUIRE SEPARATE DISCUSSION FROM PROCEDURAL MATTERS. FRANCE ALSO OFFERED ADDITIONAL COMMENTS ON ITS MARCH 13 PROPOSAL FOR FORMATION OF CSCE SECOND PHASE COORDINATING COMMITTEE (HELSINKI 662) AND PROMISED TO SUBMIT MORE DETAILED PAPER ON THIS TOPIC NEXT WEEK. FRENCH STATEMENT EMPHASIZED THAT COORDINATING COMMITTEE WOULD HAVE LIMITED FUNCTIONS, EXIST ONLY DURING CSCE SECOND STAGE, WOULD NOT SERVE AS APPEAL BODY, WOULD ONLY MEET PERIODICALLY, AND SHOULD HAVE ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP. SOVIET DELEGATE (AMB MALTSEV) NOTED THAT FRENCH PROPOSAL WAS RECEIVING CONFIDENTIAL

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